REPORT

DATE:

January 3, 2008

TO:

Transportation and Communications Committee

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

2008 Draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Public Hearing Procedures

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL;

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the 2008 Draft RTP proposed Public Hearing procedures.

BACKGROUND:

The 2008 Draft Regional Transportation Plan was released for public review on December 6, 2007. Based on the SCAG Public Participation Plan, SCAG is required to hold three public hearings and develop procedures for the public hearings. The hearings have being scheduled for the following dates, times and locations:

Tuesday, January 22, 2008 - 10:00 am to 12:00 pm SCAG Riverside Office 3600 Lime Street, Suite 216 Riverside, CA 92501

Wednesday, January 23, 2008 - 10:00 am to 12:00 pm SCAG Los Angeles Office 818 W. 7th St., 12th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90017

Wednesday, January 30, 2008 - 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Orange County Transportation Authority 550 S. Main Street Orange, CA 92863

Proposed procedures for the Public Hearings are attached for your review.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

Reviewed by:

Division Manager,

Reviewed by:

Department Director

Reviewed by:

Chief Financial Officer

2008 Draft Regional Transportation Plan

Public Hearing Procedures

- A. The Chair will begin each hearing with opening remarks regarding the purpose of the public hearings.
- B. Interested persons will be called to speak in the order in which they have registered. Individuals may register to speak in advance by calling Jessica Meaney at (213) 236-1873, or may fill-out a speaker card and provide it to the Chair at the hearing.
- C. Each speaker will be provided 3 minutes to speak. Designated representatives of groups will have 5 minutes to speak. Once all speakers have presented, speakers may request an additional 3 minutes to make further comments.
- D. The Chair of the hearing shall have discretion in limiting or extending testimony by any person.
- E. Staff will make VIDEO CONFERENCING available at the following locations:

Tuesday, January 22, 2008 Imperial Valley Council of Governments (IVAG) 940 Main Street, Suite 208 El Centro, CA 90723

Wednesday, January 23, 2008 SCAG Riverside Office 3600 Lime Street, Suite 216 Riverside, CA 92501

F. Interested persons may also submit comments for the official public hearing record in one of the following ways:

Mail: Southern California Association of Governments, 818 W. 7th St., 12th Floor,

Los Angeles, CA 90017

Fax: (213) 236-1963

RTP Hotline: (213) 236-1960 E-mail: meaney@scag.ca.gov

- G. Comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m Monday, February 18, 2008. During the comment period, on a weekly basis, comments received by SCAG will be posted on its website at www.scag.ca.gov,
- H. All comments received during the public comment period, along with responses provided by SCAG, will be documented and published in the Technical Appendixes to the Final 2008 RTP.